

Pardons and Reprieves, 1726-1775

Reasons Given

Convict Servants

Reasons	Pardoned	Reprieved	Transported
Confessed or pleaded guilty	2	0	1
Object of mercy	1	0	1
Claimed innocence in spite of confession; apparently promised mercy if he confessed; promised reform	0	1	1
Young			
about thirteen years old; very penitent; threats of overseer	1	0	0
about sixteen years old; evidence full and sufficient; pleaded guilty; petitions of master, prosecutor, convict	1	0	0
only sixteen years old	1	0	0
about twenty-one years old; object of mercy; justices say bad master; probably will reform	1	0	1
Justices say evidence not clear and satisfactory	1	0	1
Turned evidence; could not become evidence at trial because sick; justices requested pardon — induced to crime, promised pardon for confession, had “fair character” before crime; probably will become a useful citizen; petition of victim of crime and another respectable person	1	0	0
“with Child but not then [at the time of conviction] quickened”	0	1	0
Confessed	0	0	0
so magistrate would intercede	1	0	0
after being whipped	1	0	1
after being whipped; only sixteen years old at most; master says simple-minded, induced to crime; former master says he is honest	1	0	1
Totals	12	2	7
No reasons given	10	3	8
Not included in totals			
Turned evidence; never indicted	1	0	0
Gave evidence; probably never tried	1	0	0
Never sentenced	1	0	0
Totals	3	0	0